

Remarks

Claims 1-19 are currently pending in this case. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 6-19 are allowed over the prior art and that Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0049702 (Aizikowitz et al.) in view of U.S. Patent 6,230,173 (Ferrel et al.).

In response, the Applicant has cancelled rejected Claims 1-5 and requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued for the allowed Claims 6-19 at the earliest possible time.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his assistance in this application. Should there be any further questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's attorney, listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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